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SUBJECT: STEHLIN AFFAIR AND F-104 REPLACEMENT

REF: PARIS 26504

1. SULZBERGER COLUMN ON NOVEMBER 2, WHICH PROVIDED FIRST PUBLICITY ABOUT STEHLIN VIEWS, APPEARS TO BE DERIVED FROM UNCLASSIFIED STEHLIN "NOTE" OF SEPTEMBER 17 RATHER THAN FROM AN INTERVIEW, ALTHOUGH STEHLIN IS OLD FRIEND OF SULZBERGER. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER ANY FRENCH MEDIA PICKED UP THE SULZBERGER COLUMN BEFORE FIGARO APPARENTLY BROKE THE STORY OF THE NOTE IN THEIR NOVEMBER 6 EDITION.

2. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INDICATION AVAILABLE TO ANY SECTION OF EMBASSY ON WHERE FIGARO STORY CAME FROM, WHETHER IT WAS DUE TO EFFORT BY STEHLIN OR HIS FRIEND PARSONS, OR TO LEAKAGE BY FRENCH OFFICIAL SOURCES FOR VARIETY  
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OF REASONS. WE NOTICED CURIOUS STATEMENT TOWARD END OF NOTE

THAT THE NEW F-1 HAS NOT YET PROVED ITSELF WHEREAS THE TWO AMERICAN CONTENDERS HAVE HAD SUCCESSFUL QUALIFYING TESTS AND THIS IS THE CASE "NOTAMMENT" FOR THE NORTHROP PLANE.

3. STEHLIN NOTE AT THE END SAID HE WOULD BE SUBMITTING ANOTHER NOTE ON WHY NUCLEAR DISSUASION IS OUT OF DATE AS A

POLICY FOR FRANCE. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS SECOND NOTE IF IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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